Funds (Misappropriation).

*588 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI: (on behalf of SRI M. P. SARATHI): கனம் உள்விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வடாற்காடு வேலூர் ஜாபராபேட்டை கூட்டுறவு எண்ணெய் உற்பத்தியாளர் சங்கத்தில் தற்காலிக பணக் கையாடல் நடைபெற்றுள்ளதா?

(ஆ) அந்தச் சங்கத்தின் கணக்கு உடனுக்குடன் தணிக்கை செய்யப்படுகிறதா?

(இ) அந்தச் சங்கத்தின் பணக் கையிருப்பு (Cash balance) பாங்கில் போடப்படாமல் கையில் வைத்திருப்பதாகக் காட்டப்படுகிறதா?

(ஈ) அதன்மேல் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் பட்டுள்ளது?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*), (*c*) & (*d*) There was no misappropriation. The society has opened current accounts with the Co-operative Central Bank, Vellore, and Vellore Town Co-operative Bank, which have to be operated jointly by the President and Senior Inspector-Secretary of the Society. As the post of Secretary was vacant from 18th May 1960, the president could not operate the current accounts. No remittances were made into the banks because, if remittances were made, no amount could be withdrawn for the purchase of raw materials and the business of the society would have come to a stand still. The President had therefore to retain the sale-proceeds. A Senior Inspector-Secretary has since been posted and the amount has been remitted on 11th July 1960.

(*b*) The accounts of the society have been audited till end of 1957–58 and arrangements for the completion of the audit up to 1959–60 are being made.

Accident (Courtallam)

*589 *Q.*—SRI M. K. SOMASUNDARAM (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the circumstances under which a College Lecturer met his end in Courtallam waters on 6th August 1959 in the forest area; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Forest Department to prevent such accident?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the accident which occurred on 6th August 1960. Sri Sankaranarayana Pothi, Professor, Hindu College, Tirunelveli, and two others, while returning by a short-cut path to Shenbagaruvi from Thenaruvi crossed a stream flowing in between two rocks at a spot where it was slippery. At this spot the Professor and another slipped and fell down. They